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Applicant's election without traverse of group I invention, claims 1-8 and 13-20 in the reply filed on October 21, 2005 is acknowledged.

The amino acid sequence of "AGRP(109-118)" is not defined in the claims. The AGRP protein could exist in many different species, with different residues present in the recited fragment obtained from different species. Furthermore, since one or all of the melanocortin sequence residues can be substituted, it is not clear how the melanocortin sequences are "analogous" to the AGRP sequences. In summary, the claims recite an undefined amino acid sequence in which portion of the sequence has been substituted with another undefined sequence. Therefore, the claims are too indefinite to allow a meaningful search to be made.

Applicant is required to submit an amendment, which clarifies the disclosure so that the examiner may make a proper comparison of the invention with the prior art.

Applicant should be careful not to introduce any new matter into the disclosure (i.e., matter which is not supported by the disclosure as originally filed).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

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